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IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS BEGUN

*John H. Snyder, Governor's Advocate
for Physically Handicapped*

An Implementation Committee, has been formed in the Governor's Office for the purpose of assuring that everything possible will be done to implement the recommendations that came from the Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals, taking into consideration the material from the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals. Dr. Eleanora Gordon and Mr. William E. Graffius will co-chair this committee. The Implementation Committee will be made up of Chairpersons of the specific Task Forces that will deal with the various areas of concern and the priorities.



Post Conference Task-Force Chairperson, Dr. Eleanora Gordon and Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals Co-Director, Carl F. Odhner, at a recent Task Force meeting.

TOP PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE IMPLEMENTATION

The Post Conference Task Force of the Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals, at the request of the Governor's Committee for the Physically Handicapped which served as the advisory body for the conference, has established a list of the five most urgent, viable recommendations from the Conference Report which need action by state government.

Priorities were sought from Conference Delegates (from the various regions) at meetings called for that purpose. (These meetings were at the

discretion of each regional chairperson.)

The five priorities are briefly described below. Full report available upon request from Mr. Snyder's office.

1. Transportation Accessibility. Establish a Comprehensive Coordinating Committee (50% of members handicapped) to oversee the transportation programs and problems within Pennsylvania.

2. Architectural Accessibility. There should be compliance boards established, penalties for noncompliance, and man power for implementation.

3. Community/Residential - Based Housing. Develop and coordinate suitable housing for the handicapped within the community setting.

4. Employment. Full compliance with and enforcement of the intent as well as the letter of law: 1973 Rehabilitation Act, sections 501, 503.

5. Comprehensive Service Information System which will maintain a statewide directory of resources and could adequately direct handicapped persons to the appropriate existing resource.

THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAMS IN PENNSYLVANIA

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The Grand Stand, Volume 2, No. 1. June 1976, published a summary of the activities of The Cheff Center for the Handicapped, a riding therapy center in Augusta, Michigan. There are several small riding therapy centers in Pa. with similar programs.

All of these programs try to improve balance and coordination of the handicapped rider. The program content varies with each riding center. Most stress basic exercises to develop balance, riding skills appropriate for the rider, games on horseback, care of the horse, and trail rides if facilities permit.

Horseback riding is also an excellent way to build confidence and self-esteem. It is an appropriate recreational activity for any age. Strict safety precautions are employed and volunteers help instructors with the programs by helping in horse care, leading the animal and supporting the rider, if necessary. Anyone interested in a career in occupational therapy, physical therapy, special education, or horse management might find this type of volunteer work most rewarding.

ARE YOUR MEETINGS HELD IN BARRIER FREE FACILITIES?

ABA SETS THE EXAMPLE

The American Bar Association has resolved to hold its functions in barrier-free environments in the future to serve as an example for other groups. Advocacy roles by such leading national organizations lend genuine support toward a barrier-free environment for all citizens. The ABA, furthermore, has authorized its President, or his designee, to testify before governmental bodies (federal, state and local) in support of legislation/policies/directives designed to ensure ready and effective accessibility for all.



Betty Potts of Pennhurst Center does exercises on "Smokey" during a riding therapy session held by Sebastian Riding Associates in Collegeville. Volunteers Mary Frederick, Jean Brown and Nora Baird assist.

Photo, courtesy of Pennhurst Audio Visual Services.

RIDING PROGRAMS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Location and School		Disabilities Accepted*	Contact Person
Quarryville	Hidden Acres Farm	Physical, Mental	Gail Poole (717) 786-3193
Collegeville	Sebastian Riding Associates	Physical, Mental, Learning	Bannie Stewart (215) 489-3741
Malvern	Therapeutic Horseriding Prog. of Hosp. of Univ. of Penna.	Physical	Jennifer Bream (215) 662-3265
Malvern Malvern	Therapeutic Riding Prog. of Thorncroft Equestrian Cntr.	Physical, Mental Emotional	Saunders Dixon (215) 644-1963
Dowington	Horseanship Program for Exceptional Children	Learning, Mental, Emotional	Mary R. Hanley (215) 363-1611
Orwigsburg	Schuylkill Riding Associates	Physical	Mary J. Green (717) 366-2938
Lilly	Triple K. Stable	Mental, Physical	Karen Appleman (814) 695-7913
Altoona	Frankstown Hunt Club	Physical	Elizabeth Hyde (814) 944-5014

**For more descriptive information on the types of disabilities which will be accepted, ask the contact person.*

GOVERNOR SHAPP PROCLAIMS MAY AS HANDICAPPED AWARENESS MONTH

*John H. Snyder,
Gov.'s Advocate for Physically Handicapped*

May holds within its boundaries a number of very significant events for the handicapped of the Commonwealth. A delegation from the state attended the recent meetings of the White House Conference on the Employment of the Handicapped. In like manner 32 delegates/alternates and 3 representatives from state government will be attending as our delegation to the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals to be held the last week of May. Formation of an Implementation Committee and Task Forces that will be dealing with the materials from both the state and national conferences have been put into space. May 15-21 is National Handicap Awareness Week.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been extremely active during this past year in working with the handicapped which only truly marks the beginning of the many areas we must continue to consider as we look at the welfare of all people including the handicapped.

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING PROJECT

*Audrey Dill
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Kiski Valley Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., a private non-profit agency was one of the agencies selected by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to develop and sponsor a Specialized Residential Housing project for Mentally alert/Physically Handicapped Young Adults.

First Steps

The sharing of plans at meetings with various community groups/agencies resulted in their approval and assistance. The Apollo Borough Council and its citizen's Advisory Committee accepted the plans and suggested sites most suitable for the project and also took the necessary steps to make surrounding areas and shopping centers accessible to wheelchair traffic to ensure the complete success of the project. It is felt that we are among the first municipalities to recognize that "community wealth is not only measured in dollars and cents but in human services for others."

The Kiski Valley project has been endorsed by and will have the co-operation of United Cerebral Palsy, Young Adult Handicapped, Inc., BVR, Kiski Valley Visiting Nurses, Meals on Wheels, and Easter Seal of Armstrong County in providing services for the residents. All of these services are located within an area easily accessible to the home. Land option contracts have been finalized and have received HUD appraisers approval.

Goals

This co-educational residence will house 24 adults, the majority of them will be developmentally disabled and severely physically handicapped persons, who are eligible under the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, Sec. 8: Housing Assistance Payment Program. Goals include ground-breaking by September 1977 and doors ready to open April 1978.

LEGISLATIVE UP-DATE

*Stan Graul
Easter Seal Society
Middletown, PA 17057*

This session of the Legislature seems to be no exception in following the rule of introducing a raft of Bills and storing most of them in their respective committees. Some Bills introduced have a great deal to offer in influencing the lives of the disabled of the Commonwealth. Listed below are just a few selected that have merit and should be given greater consideration by our Legislators.

Senate Bill 71 would allocate money from the present State Lottery to be used for payment to local transit companies in providing transportation for the disabled. Senate Bill 86 would provide licensing of persons engaged in private practice as speech pathologists, audiologists, teachers of the hearing impaired and their aides. A companion Bill Senate Bill 87 would create a State Board of Examiners in Speech and Hearing. Senate Bills 113 and 175 would exclude medical equipment from the present state sales tax. All of these Senate Bills are in Committee with SB 86 and 86 having had one reading and recommitted to Committee.

The House has also introduced some Bills of importance to the rights and needs of the disabled. House Bill 139 would give a precedence where preference is (was) also given to veterans.

There are a number of tax benefits for parents of handicapped children. Children can be used as a deduction regardless of age if not able to work.

E'TOWN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CELEBRATES 47th BIRTHDAY!

On March 21, 1930 the hospital doors were opened to 13 patients who were transferred from Mt. Alto Sanitarium and 10 new admissions making a total census of 23 patients.

To date their census for both house patients and clinic patients numbers 22,805.

SPIRIT OF CONFERENCE LIVES ON

*Bonnie Gellman, Dir.
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One of the most remarkable things about the Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals that was held in December, 1976 was the "Spirit of 76" which was engendered. Participants left that meeting feeling enthused about the cooperative nature of the event. People had the opportunity to exchange ideas with those with varying roles...the disabled, parents, providers of services...all listened to one another. We realized that the name or type of disability was not the most important concern. We left feeling that we HAD to work TOGETHER to achieve the many goals and solutions we had proposed.

Now we are in the Post-Conference stage...and we have resolved to continue working for the goals and solutions...and to continue to work together. Plans are being made to continue the participation of the Conference on Handicapped Individuals through the regional delegate groups that will assure the implementation of the recommendations that came out of the conference. The ideas considered thus far emphasize that these regional groups should have the most important role. A state-wide organization would be formed to keep the regions aware of what is happening, and to plan cooperative ventures. News about the proposed organization will be provided to all those who attended the state conference, and it will be up to that group to further implement the plans, or to suggest ways in which the fledgling organizations should go. This is to be an ongoing and dynamic group. It is hoped that the formation of the new organization can be the most productive thing that has happened to and for the disabled citizens of Pennsylvania. We must keep that spirit moving and growing.

IMPACT OF THE LYCOMING REGIONAL FORUM UPON THE WILLIAMSPORT HOSPITAL

*David E. Ross, Director Health Care Program
Williamsport Hospital
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On September 14, 1976. The Lycoming Regional Forum on Handicapped Individuals was held in Williamsport. This Forum was one of three held in Region IV of the Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals which presented the opportunity for handicapped residents to voice their concerns and needs for services influencing their lifestyle.

The Forum had paramount impact upon the Family Practice Residency program within the Williamsport Hospital. The resident physicians within the program were shocked at the lack of knowledge among the handicapped residents regarding existing health services. The Family Practice Physicians are in the process of organizing joint meetings to establish effective communication between themselves and the handicapped residents and so that the physicians become more sensitive to the concerns and needs of the handicapped population.

Hospital Personnel Involved

Many professional hospital personnel were actual participants in the Forum and gained additional insight into existing problems of handicapped and disabled persons living in their community. These staff members found a need to re-articulate their goals toward more involvement of handicapped persons in community efforts.

The hospital was aware of many of the needs of the disabled. The physiatrists within the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Program had established a team approach to meet the needs of the patient while hospitalized. The Forum prompted this team to expedite its goals of rehabilitative services to pre-discharge patients. Services now available in the rehabilitation program includes retraining for gainful employment. In addition, some home services are available to discharged patients who may need them.

i.e. physical, occupational therapies and nursing.

When a return to community living is possible, Williamsport Hospital continues to function in a capacity to rehabilitate and return the handicapped to their community environment. But community efforts are needed to provide a barrier free, profitable life experience indigenous to all community residents-handicapped, disabled or able-bodied.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

May 18, 1977 - 10:00 a.m.
Governor's Committee for the Physically Handicapped
Room 24
Penna. Museum Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA

May 18-19, 1977 Seminar:
"Recreation as a Tool for Human Services"
Harrisburg Area Community College
Contact: Edna Silberman
The Aurora Club
2114 N. 3rd St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110

May 19, 1977 - 5:30 p.m.
Epilepsy Foundation, PA Division
1205 Market Street
Lemoyne, PA 17043

May 23-27, 1977
White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals
Washington, D.C. 20036

May 26, 1977 - 9:00 - 4:00
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Sheraton Harrisburg Inn

June 1, 1977
Special Education Directors Meeting
Hunter Hall 2nd Street
Harrisburg, PA

June 2, 1977
State Task Force on Right to Education meeting
Health & Welfare Building, Room 812
Commonwealth Ave. & Forster Ave.
Harrisburg, PA

June 2, 1977 - 11:00 a.m.
Governor's meeting with the Planning Committee of Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals
Governor's Office

June 2, 1977 - 2:00 p.m.
Implementation Committee
Sheraton Harrisburg Inn

June 6-8, 1977
3-day Seminar for Personnel Office Interviewers
Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Center
Johnstown, PA

June 8, 1977
PARC Conference Parents Day
Seven Spring Mountain Resorts

June 9, 1977 - 10:00 a.m.
State Advisory Committee for the Blind
326 Health & Welfare Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA

June 9-11, 1977
PARC Convention
Seven Springs Mountain Resort

June 10, 1977 - 10:00 a.m.
MH/MR Advisory Committee
Room 326 Health & Welfare Building
Harrisburg, PA

June 11, 1977
Overbrook School for the Blind
Annual Alumni Dinner Meeting at Overbrook



Gov. Milton J. Shapp presents a plaque to Mr. Robert Roush (right), naming him Pennsylvania's "Handicapped State Employee of 1976," during ceremonies held recently at the Governor's Office in Harrisburg. Mr. Roush has worked for the Dept. of Military Affairs for more than 29 years. Looking on are (from l-r) Mr. Joe Smith, Roush's supervisor at DMA; and Mr. John W. McGrath, Executive Secretary of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

June 11, 1977
Statewide Health Coordinating Council
Host Inn
Harrisburg, PA

June 13-16, 1977
AHA Annual Conference & Bowling
Tournament
Hyatt House, Chatham Center
Pittsburgh, PA
Contact: Charla Perrone or Janet Evana
UCP Office
Pittsburgh, PA

June 15, 1977 – 10:00 a.m.
Governor's Committee for the Physically
Handicapped
Room 24
Penna Museum Building
Harrisburg, PA

June 16, 1977 – 5:30 p.m.
Epilepsy Foundation, PA Division
1205 Market Street
Lemoyne, PA 17043

June 22-26, 1977
Teletypewriters for the Deaf, Inc. Convention
New York City
Contact: Lee Brody
14-25 Plaza Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 10312

June 22, 1977 – 10:00 a.m.
State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation
Penn Rehab. Center
Johnstown, PA

June 23, 1977 – 9:00-4:00
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Sheraton Harrisburg Inn

June 23, 1977
State Advisory Committee for the Aging
Harrisburg, PA

June 26, 1977
Easter Seal Camps Open

June 29-July 2, 1977
National Society for Autistic Children, 9th
Annual Meeting and Conference
Kissimmee, Florida
Contact: NSAC, 169 Tampa Avenue
Albany, NY 12208



DD Planning Council at a recent meeting.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL MEETS

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council held its monthly meeting on April 28, 1977 at the Penn Harris Motor Inn.

Developmental Disabilities Evaluation Information System

Mary Rita Hanley, Vice-chairperson, and Chairperson of the Council's Planning Committee, presented the Committee's report and up-date on its activities. She then introduced HEW Region III representative, Madelyn Schultz, who offered introductory remarks about the federally mandated planning model for state Developmental Disabilities plans. Irwin Schpok, Marney Walsh, and Ann Schoonmaker of Economic Manpower Corporation, Inc., Philadelphia, conducted a workshop and orientation session on the development of the State Plan. Council's FY 1978 Plan is expected to be completed by June 15, 1977.

Connect

Mr. Fred Davis and Dr. Roger Gathwaite of Project CONNECT, a Department of Education affiliate, explained their development of a Client Tracking System and an interagency synthesis group. The Council has supported the Project's efforts in the past and resolved to strengthen its support in the future.

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In March and April, the Council's Program Review Committee reviewed all applications received in response to the Office for Human Resources advertisement of availability of Developmental Disabilities discretionary grant funds. Projects were approved in the categories of Deinstitutionalization and Institutional Reform; Early Screening, Diagnosis and Evaluation; and Special Research and Demonstration Projects for Multiply Handicapped Pre-school Children and Their Families. The Council accepted the Committee's report and forwarded its recommendations to the Office for Human Resources for implementation. Announcements will be made in early May, start-up of programs will begin on or about July 1, 1977.

Developmental Disabilities

The Council also addressed its concerns relative to the potential change in the definition of developmental disabilities for inclusion in the new developmental disabilities legislation. The National Task Force on the Definition of Developmental Disabilities, chaired by Norman V. Lourie, Deputy Secretary for Federal Policies and Programs, Dept. of Public Welfare, will be meeting in Seattle to continue its deliberations. Ms. Rubin, a Task Force member, will carry Pennsylvania Council's recommendations to that meeting.

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Lee Rubin, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Developmental
Disabilities Planning Council

GOV. NAMES PETER POLLONI DEP. SEC. MENTAL RETARDATION

Gov. Milton J. Shapp named Peter P. Polloni of Linglestown; as Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation in the Department of Public Welfare.

Mr. Polloni has been Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens for the past five years. Previously, he was the Executive Director of both the Montgomery County and the Bucks County Associations for Retarded Children and a staff member of the state association.

In nominating Polloni, Gov. Shapp said, "I am pleased that a man with Polloni's invaluable experience has the personal dedication to serve the mentally retarded citizens of the Commonwealth."

"His accomplishments in coordinating programs such as the Citizens Advocacy Program and the establishment of numerous series of training seminars throughout the state has determined his insight of the needs of our mentally retarded in Pennsylvania."

STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) has been appointed by Governor Milton J. Shapp to implement the National Health Planning and Resources Act. This act absorbs the functions of three Federal Health Programs: Comprehensive Health Planning, the Hill-Burton Hospital Construction Program, and the Regional Medical Program. Through this act, for the first time, planning and development are legislatively tied together at the national, local and state levels for the purpose of assuring that health services are within the physical and financial reach of every citizen.

A memorandum of agreement will be signed between SHCC and the DD Council in May.

SHCC FUNCTIONS

The functions of the SHCC outlined by the Federal act are:

1. Review annually and coordinate the health systems plans and annual implementation plans of the State's Health Systems Agencies (HSA's) and make comments to the Sec. of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW);

2. Prepare a State Health Plan made up of the health systems plans of the Health Systems Agencies (HSA's) taking into account the preliminary plan

developed by the State Health Department;

3. Review of the Secretary of HEW, budgets and applications for assistance of Health Systems Agencies;

4. Advise the State Health Department on the performance of its functions;

5. Review and approve or disapprove state plans and applications for health-type formula grants to Pennsylvania.

SHCC MEMBERS

In order to assure that the SHCC will offer a forum for the varied interests and concerns of the commonwealth and to fulfill the federal requirements:

1. The majority of council members are consumers of health services.

2. At least 1/3 of the provider members of the council are direct providers.

3. 60% of the members are representatives of HSA's.

4. 40% of the members are appointed directly by the governor.

In addition, efforts were made to achieve a composition of the SHCC which reflects racial, sexual, economic and geographic characteristics of the state's population.

For additional information or SHCC membership contact:

Mr. Robert Costell, Dir. of Health Communications,
Dept. of Health,
P.O. Box 90,
Harrisburg, PA 17120.

MESSAGE FROM DD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

The Pa Developmental Disabilities Planning Council has been meeting monthly since December 1976. Through its formal and informal discussions it is apparent that Councillors are dedicated to their goal of responsible and credible advice to the Sec. of DHEW through our Governor.

Currently, we are investigating the best mechanism for better communication from you to the Council regarding the needs of developmentally disabled individuals throughout the state. We are organizing to review, monitor, and evaluate our system of services and are heavily committed to planning for our Protection and Advocacy System.

We hope you will assist us in becoming a credible conduit for the expression of your concerns.

Sincerely, 
Lee Rubin

EVALUATOR JOINS THE DD STAFF

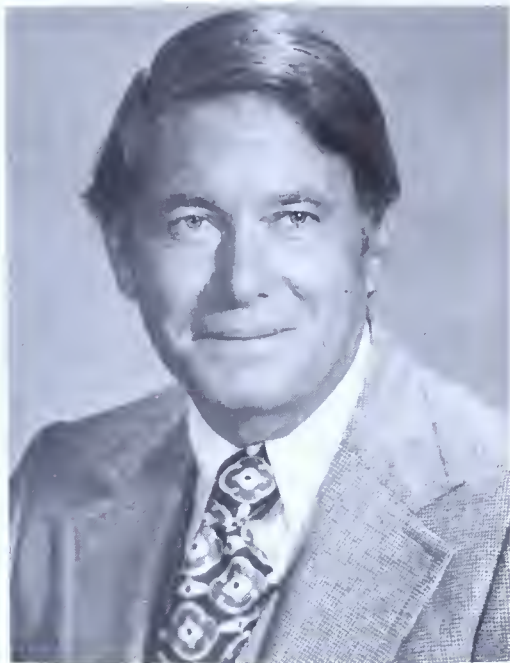
Mr. Thomas Derr has accepted a position with the DD Planning Council.

As an Evaluator his primary functions will be to develop the criteria for a statewide evaluation system for facilities and agencies treating the developmentally disabled. He will also be responsible for planning and implementing techniques to measure the effectiveness of the DD Council and Programs, including special projects funded under Public Law 94-103.

SURVEY COMPLETED

"A Statewide Inventory and Analysis of Direct Service Providers and Administrative Support Units" is completed. The project's results have been published in the following formats and are available upon request: A Summary of the Project; Service Definitions Used in the Project; Data Summary by County; and Individual County Service Directories which will be available in June. Telephone (717) 787-6057.

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED FOR THE ELIZABETHTOWN HOSPITAL



Dr. Wm. M. Gibson

The Honorable Leonard Bachman, M.D., Sec. of the Dept. of Health, recently announced the appointment of William Miles Gibson, M.D. as Director of the Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth (formerly State Hospital for Crippled Children) at Elizabethtown. Dr. Gibson will assume his duties July 1, 1977 at one of the oldest hospitals for physically handicapped operated by any state in the union. The hospital began its services for those with polio in the early 30's and has made changes through the years to meet some of the varying needs of the physically handicapped. It houses the children's orthopedic clinic of central Pennsylvania.

Dr. Gibson stated in a recent telephone interview that the hospital has a history of adapting its services to meet the ever changing needs of the handicapped population. He feels that again we are in a period when needs are dictating reevaluation of some of the health care services the hospital provides.

Proposed Changes

Dr. Gibson is proposing special therapy programs for the developmentally disabled. The Brace Shop will begin producing more implements to aid the handicapped in dealing with their environment, such as special driving controls for cars. He hopes to have staff members go into patients'

homes to help parents learn rehabilitation practices and into schools to help teachers deal with handicapped children. Dr. Gibson plans to develop programs to educate the community to the special

needs and limitations of the handicapped. Dr. Gibson currently serves as chairperson of the Ohio DD Council. The Pennsylvania Council looks forward to welcoming Dr. Gibson.

LONG TERM CARE REQUIREMENTS

A working conference on the needs of people disabled early in life

A seminar on the long term care requirements of people disabled early in life was held in Philadelphia at Temple University, our University Affiliated Program, in February. This conference was financed by a grant of national significance to bring together experts and citizens concerned with problems of people disabled early in life whose care and service requirements are believed to be systematically different from people who become handicapped later in life, as well as the general population.

People with substantial long term disabling conditions originating early in life are further handicapped by powerlessness relative even to other disabled people in the population. They are more socially isolated and therefore remain more invisible; they frequently require more intensive and extensive treatment and outside services which therefore are more expensive; they will have fewer reinforced successes in adapting to developmental challenges in early years and therefore are more, and remain longer, dependent upon others; they will have fewer opportunities for social/community participation and therefore are socially and politically more inarticulate.

The Conference focused on the following central questions:

- The Epidemiological. What are the characteristics of this group at each stage of development and what characteristics might we predict will be present in the future?
- The Life Cycle Approach. What unique problems and ways of coping are faced at each stage of development in the life cycle?
- The Ecological. What conditions of individuals require the attention of others from the family and through the community support systems? What types of arrangements and funding patterns facilitate meeting their needs?
- The Central Importance of Living Arrangements. What living arrangements are best at each stage of development? How should resources be allocated to provide these?
- The Potential of the Handicapped Person as a Contributor. What expectations should the handicapped person have for himself/herself and to the rest of society for contributing to his/her own rehabilitation, general welfare, and maximized human development?
- Entitlements. What are the entitlements of handicapped people through law and public policy and how can these be accessed?
- Economic. What are the utilization costs of necessary services, the impact of income transfer policies and methods for allocating resources?

The findings of the seminar have been included in the issues and recommendations to be voted on at the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals. Each delegate received a report and voting recommendations based on the seminar. For additional information you may contact Deborah Spitalnik, Coordinator of Community Programs at the Temple University DD Center in Philadelphia.

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DD LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO EXPIRE

Testimony Presented Before Senate Sub-Committee

Legislative appropriations for the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act expire on September 30, 1978. The Senate Sub-Committee on the Handicapped of the Senate Committee on Human Resources recently conducted hearings to determine the need for continuation of this program.

Two of the persons giving supportive testimony before the Sub-Committee were Elizabeth Boggs, Ph. D. and Joseph L. Cohen, Esquire.

Dr. Boggs is well known for her services on behalf of the disabled. She is the only person who has been continuously active in NARC since its founding, serving as its first woman president. Her years as chairperson of NARC's Governmental Affairs Committee culminated with the enactment of the DD Services and Facilities Construction Act of 1970. She was appointed by HEW Secretary Richardson to the National Advisory Council on Services and Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled.

Mr. Cohen is a past chairperson of the PA DD Council and presently serves as the consumer representative for cerebral palsy on the newly appointed Council. He currently serves as one of the three members of the Commonwealth Environmental Hearing Board. He served as a member of and legal counsel to the Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals.

Their testimony included an overview of the DD movement and activities set in motion or accelerated as a direct result of the DD Act, such as the improved rate of deinstitutionalization; the Task Force studying the definition of developmental disabilities; a new consolidated set of standards for residential and non-residential services; and the protection of the rights of the developmentally disabled.

Specific recommendations for future DD legislation included an increase in funding, especially in formula grants; the retention of the Office of Developmental Disabilities within the Office of Human Development; reinforcement of attempts to implement Sec. 111 of the Act which relates to the rights of the developmentally disabled; increase of resources available to the Protection and Advocacy systems; and support of the \$69 million overall program budget.

P AND A PLAN

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Network

In compliance with Public Law 94-103, Sec. 113, the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is developing a plan for a Protection and Advocacy System for the developmentally disabled. This system must be in place by October 1, 1977.

The plan, as designed by the Council, calls for the five public consumer organizations represented on the Council to establish a new non-profit corporation to become the interim implementing agency for the P and A system. This agency has now organized under the name Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Network.

The Council will continue as the planning agency until Governor Shapp designates DDAN as the implementing agency and this is approved by Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

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